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ASHTON-upon-MERSEY URBAN DISTRICT.

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. Charles J. Renshaw.

Population at Census 1891 - 4,234  
Estimated Population 1898 - 5,260  
Area in acres. - 1,622  
Birth rate per 1000 living 25.3  
Death rate per 1000 living 15.7  
Death rate for seven principal zymotic diseases 3.2  
Deaths under one year to 1000 births 180.4  
Deaths under one year 24 over 600<sup>0</sup> 22 total deaths 83  
4th. Annual Report. total births 133

#### Cases of Infectious diseases notified.

Scarlet fever - 6 cases - one fatal. showing that the disinfecting  
Diphtheria - 9 cases - two fatal  
Typhoid fever - 4 cases  
Erysipelas - 6 cases  
Measles ~~155~~ cases - ~~1~~ fatal  
Diarrhoea (not notified -) 4 fatal  
Whooping cough 7 cases

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## ASTHOM-UPON-MERSEA URBAN DISTRICT

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. A. J. Ransaw

4,394	-	Population at Census 1901
2,390	-	Estimated Population 1898
1,885	-	Area in acres.
22.5	-	Birth rate per 1000 living
11.5	-	Death rate per 1000 living
5	-	Death rate for seven principal sanitary districts
110	-	Deaths under one year of age 1901
110	-	Births under one year of age 1901
472	-	Death Rate Report.

Cause of infection disease

Scutelliferous - 8 cases - one latest.	
Diphtheritic - 9 cases - two latest.	
Thoroughly - 4 cases	
Tricholeptous - 6 cases	
Wet - 12 cases - one latest	
Distilled (not sterilized) - 4 cases	
Woodbine County 7 cases	

During January three cases were reported of diphtheritis, three cases occurred in one house and were traced to importation. The cause of infection in this case was traced to the same source. Toxol Bovida, a salve, was applied to this a child in the same house suffered from a very slight attack in October this case was also supposed to be imported on each occasion very carefully search was made for any descriptive cause of infection on the premises, but none was found.

During the early part of the year there were a few cases of whooping cough, consequent on an epidemic at the end of 1897, this, as also measles is now a notifiable disease, which gives your Sanitary Committee much more power to act promptly, in case of necessity. These did not appear to be sufficient to alter the teaching arrangements as far as the schools were concerned, but strict surveillance was used to keep any child so suffering from attending school.

On the subsidence of whooping cough, an epidemic of measles appeared in part of your Authority, chiefly that of St. Martin's Ward, and owing to the numbers of children suffering it was deemed necessary to close the school of St. Martin's, this had the desired effect, for the measles very rapidly lessened in number after the closing.

Of scarlet fever we have had a few sporadic cases, but no  
spreading of the disease in any case, showing that the disinfecting  
was well done and of a good system.

There have been 4 cases of typhoid, two of which were in for of us  
which you only a had said was unforseen  
The Moss Side tip at Cross Street has been kept in good order,  
but Barrow Brook has been a bone of contention, and has been a source  
of danger to the community. There have been many complaints from  
smells at the north west part of the Authority, especially from the  
direction of the Moss Side sewage, ~~and I understand~~ <sup>it is understood</sup> the Authorities  
on that side, as well as altering their drainage have been induced  
to promise to plant more trees along their land as the smell can so  
be to a large extent prevented, especially if these trees be pines  
or poplars, the poplars rapidly absorbing moisture from the ground.



Constitution of which  
Your Authority has been  
adopted

Two diseases frequent in your Authority, ~~some time~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~ago~~, consumption and rheumatic fever, have lessened considerably in the past few years, the chief causes ~~are~~ <sup>are able</sup> attributed to the purer air, partly caused by the number of pine trees planted by the late Mr. Samuel Brooks and Sir W. Brooks in the neighbourhood, ~~and~~ and the better draining of the land, ~~together~~ together with healthier houses and cottages; fresh air and sunlight being a destroyer of the microbe of consumption, and the most powerful aids to health.

The great heat of August and September - 92° in the shade, did good, the illness during these months was slight and the death rate ~~very~~ <sup>now</sup> low, there were a number of cases of diarrhoea, ~~most~~ of which in young children were fatal. In connection with this disease, we require the assistance of each householder, to allow no decaying matter, preventible, to remain near the houses, not to put vegetable matter or water into the ashpit, but to use the ashes freely in connection with these pits.

The Vaccination Act, as now passed, was intended to lessen the friction in its working by deleting the compulsory clauses, it remains to be seen if it will be a success or not, A proposal was made for the Bucklow district that it would be necessary to have a small pox hospital, this matter is one for grave consideration, for it is of the greatest possible difficulty to prevent the spread of that dire disease when it invades a district unless free and extensive vaccination be immediately had resource to, vaccination is the only preventative. It is almost impossible to get nurses to watch the cases of small pox especially if the case be in a cottage.

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Your Authority has joined Withington in their ~~contagion~~ hospital  
~~to be built~~ now building at Baguley, an extremely wise course to have adopted, but small pox patients cannot be taken into that hospital; they must either be dealt with in their own homes or in a hospital or building used exclusively for small pox, ~~Isolation may be a means of lessening its spread~~

Many houses where the drains have been found to be bad have been attended to, but there are still many at fault, these by degrees will be remedied; new drains have been put down and are acting well. ~~No case that could be attributed to faulty sewers has been reported,~~ The sewage effluent is satisfactory, the willow drainage beds are acting very well, your effluent being amongst the best reported by Professor Roscoe. These beds in consideration of the increase of the population in the future should be enlarged.

The shippons and slaughter houses are in good order.

No diseased meat or tuberculous cows have been reported.

In October 4 cases of diphtheria were reported, these were all treated by means of antitoxin, and all have recovered.

The water supplied by the Cheshire Water Company has been of excellent quality, though not always in sufficient quantity, this latter will I understand not need to be mentioned in the future.

The following have been issued by your Authority during 1898, not previously

Medical Officer and issuing Order re isolation of Infectious cases - prosecution in cases of exposure.

Flushing sewers in hot weather.

Moss Lane (new sewers completed early in this year)

Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops Order adopted.

Tip land purchase - agreement signed



Harboro Road (new sewer laid to portion of Road)

Nuisances abated at

Eves Hey.

Ba*ß*wick place.

Church lane.

Mersey Road (recent properties)

Southern Road            do.

Stamford Street.

Byelaws are now before the Local Board.

Your Committee visit Stretford and Moss Side Sewage Farms.

Circulars, re water in ashpits. *Not issued*

Disinfection in cases of consumption, persons dying.

~~Deaths from consumption.~~

Plans approved and application made to Local Government Board  
for power to borrow money for

Tip land purchase

Moss Lane new Sewer.

Harboro Road new sewer.

Dumber lane sewer.

Bacteriological examination in connection with Owens College  
Laboratory, will shortly be arranged.

Highgate Road (new sewer line of Road)  
Minuscule asphalt at  
Haven Road  
Bergwicke Lane  
Gullspur Lane  
Metcalfe Road (recent properties)  
Southgate Road  
Stamford Street  
Bayliss the man before the Post  
Yont Committee visiting Gullspur and Mose Street earlier  
Gillingsize, the water in scaffold. Man in  
Dissemination in case of inundation, lessons alive  
~~despite the continued flooding~~  
First application and application made to Local Government Board  
for power to provide money for  
tip sand carriage  
Mose Lane new sewer  
Highgate Road new sewer  
Dumper use sewer  
Bacteriological examination in connection with owner of site  
Taps out of will shortly be arranged